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Letter dated 12 January 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 65/289, in which the Assembly established a Senior Advisory Group to advise on rates of reimbursement to troop-contributing countries and related issues. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the membership of the Senior Advisory Group, comprising five eminent persons of relevant experience appointed by the Secretary-General, five representatives from major troop contributors, five representatives from major financial contributors and one member from each regional group.

Pursuant to the resolution, I have appointed the following five eminent persons: Louise Fréchette, former Deputy Secretary-General and former Deputy Minister of National Defence for Canada (Chair); Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein, Permanent Representative of Jordan; Ellen Løj (Denmark), Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Liberia; Henry Anyidoho (Ghana), former Deputy Joint Special Representative in Darfur and former Deputy Force Commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda; and Carlos Alberto dos Santos Cruz (Brazil), former Force Commander of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti and currently Deputy Commander of Ground Operations for the Brazilian Army.

The five representatives nominated by the major troop contributors are: Abulkalam Abdul Momen, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh; Maged Abdelaziz, Permanent Representative of Egypt; Hardeep Singh Puri, Permanent Representative of India; Abdullah Hussain Haroon, Permanent Representative of Pakistan; and Chikadibia Isaac Obiakor (Nigeria), former Force Commander, United Nations Mission in Liberia, and former Military Adviser, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

The five nominated representatives from the major financial contributors are: Jun Yamazaki, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Japan; Jean-Marie Guéhenno (France), former Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations; James Dobbins, former Assistant Secretary of State of the United States of America; Paul

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Johnston, Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Sweden; and Hans-Joachim Daerr, former Ambassador of Germany to Japan.

The five representatives that have been nominated from each regional group are: José Luis Cancela, Permanent Representative of Uruguay, selected by the Latin American and Caribbean States; Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya, selected by the African States; Shavendra Silva, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka, selected by the Asia-Pacific States; Andrii Taran from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine, selected by the Eastern European States; and Patrick Nash, the former Force Commander of Ireland, selected by the Western European and other States.

The Senior Advisory Group will commence its first meeting on 19 January 2012 specifically to finalize the scope of its work and working modalities.

I would appreciate if you would bring the present letter to the attention of Member States and observer missions.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon